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Dear Interested Parties:

Enclosed, you will find for your review the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposal to purchase 23.69 acres of land, including a building that houses a visitor center, museum, artifacts, and offices at Travelers' Rest State Park (TRSP) in Lolo, Missoula County. FWP also proposes to expand the trail system on existing TRSP lands and those included in this acquisition.

This draft EA is available for review in Helena at FWP's Headquarters, the State Library, and the Environmental Quality Council. It also may be obtained from the Region 2 FWP Headquarters or viewed on FWP's Internet website at http://fwp.mt.gov ("Public Notices" under "News").

Comments on this draft EA must be received by FWP no later than 5:00 pm on May 21, 2012. Comments should be mailed to Loren Flynn, Travelers' Rest State Park, PO Box 995, Lolo, MT 59847 or emailed to <u>LFlynn2@mt.gov</u>. If you have questions, please phone Flynn at (406) 273-4253.

As part of the decision making process under MEPA, I plan to issue the Decision Notice for this EA by June 1. Based on the outcome of the Decision Notice, this project proposal would be presented to the FWP Commission for final action. Approval will also be needed from the Montana Board of Land Commissioners.

Sincerely,

Lee Bastian

Regional Park Manager

Enclosure: Draft EA for Travelers' Rest State Park—Proposed Land Acquisition and Trail Development